THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

International Film Festival of India in Bangalore

2346. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to organise the 32nd International Film Festival of India in Bangalore;

(b) if so, when will it be held;

(c) the estimated expenditure for organising the above festival;

(d) the amount being spent by Government and the amount agreed to be spent by Karnataka Government;

(e) the number of delegates expected to attend the proposed festival; and

(f) the arrangements being made to organise the above festival in Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From 10th to 20th October, 2001.

(c) and (d) A Budget provision of Rs.2.75 crores has been made in Sanctioned Budget Grant 2001-2002 for being incurred by the Central Government through Directorate of Film Festivals. The Government of Karnataka is likely to commit about Rs. 2.00 crores.

(e) About 3,000 delegates are expected to attend the festival.

(f) To conduct the festival successfully, an Organising Committee has been formed comprising representatives of the Central and State Government and important film personalities from different regions. Nine Sub-Committees have also been formed to decide upon the various issues concerning the festival. A Festival Coordination Committee of Central and State Government has also been set up. Some meetings of these Committees have already been organised.